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III. REPLIES RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENTS

BELARUS

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1. At present, there is no provision in Belarus for criminal responsibility for the recruitment, financing and training of mercenaries.

2. The draft of the new criminal code of Belarus, adopted in first reading by the Supreme Council of Belarus, provides for criminal responsibility for the recruitment, training, financing and utilization of mercenaries for military action against another State or for opposing the lawful implementation of the right of peoples to self-determination, which is recognized by international law.

3. There is also provision for criminal responsibility in respect of mercenarism, which is defined as "participation in armed conflicts and military action in the territory of another State by a person acting for purposes of material compensation or private gain without the authorization of the State of which he is a national or permanent resident".

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